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### ACCREDITING AGENCY GIVES HIGH MARKS TO UM EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

MISSOULA--

The educational specialist graduate programs of the University of Montana School of Education have been reaccredited to Sept. 1, 1987, UM Academic Vice President Donald Habbe announced.

Granted reaccreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) are UM educational specialist programs for the preparation of school supervisors and principals; curriculum specialists; and counselors.

The council's review of the programs cited the following strengths:

"Faculty were found to be well prepared for their instructional assignments, both in terms of academic background and public school experience.

"Faculty were especially active in dealing with educational problems of minority group populations.

"All specialist programs were found to be individually planned and carefully fitted to the needs of each student.

"Student advising was noted as exceptionally cooperative and oriented toward the professional needs of each student."

The council criticized the teaching overload carried by some program faculty and the lack of clerical support for faculty writing and research. John Pulliam, dean of the School of Education, said these problems can not be completely solved without additional funds for faculty and staff positions.

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"In general, however," the dean said, "NCATE gave our educational specialist programs high marks, and the council's positive evaluation is most gratifying."

Habbe said he was "extremely pleased with NCATE's favorable review."

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